**Group Development Volunteer Role Description**

**Location:** We are looking for volunteers across Derbyshire

**Hours**: Varied (minimum 1 hour p/w)

Would you like to be involved in the peer support network across Derbyshire?

Do you want a rewarding opportunity where you can really make a difference in somebody’s mental health journey?

*If yes, then join our team at the Derbyshire Recovery and Peer Support Service!*

We have numerous vacancies for Group Development Volunteers to join our friendly and inspiring team. Our service support 74 groups across the county and with an increasing demand we must ensure that the group has a consistent point of contact with the service. Your role will be in one of the Derbyshire District to strengthen communication between peer support groups and our Group Development Workers.

**Who are we?**

The Derbyshire Recovery and Peer Support Service provides goal focused 1;1 support, telephone support, mental health surgeries and the development of peer facilitators and peer groups across the county. If you volunteer with us, you will be part of a passionate team who work to improve mental health support across Derbyshire, gain essential experience to add to your CV and the chance to make a real difference in people’s lives.

**What will you be doing?**

* You will visit a range of peer led support groups in the district of your choice.
* Informing and updating the groups with any relevant information given to you by the group development workers.
* Reporting any information or concerns to the group development team.
* Encourage the groups to become self-sustainable.
* Promote the importance of peer support within the groups.

**Do you have what we are looking for?**

* An in interest in mental health or supporting those with mental illness.
* Knowledge of the local area.
* Excellent active listening and ability to build rapport.
* An understanding of the principles of Peer Support and Recovery.
* Able to relate to people from all backgrounds and the ability to remain non-judgemental.
* Understand the importance of confidentiality.
* This post will involve travelling to different groups across your chosen area. Whilst a driving licence and vehicle isn’t essential, the ability to get to the location of the groups is.

**What will you receive?**

* Access to various training opportunities.
* Mentoring from the Group Development Workers.
* 1:1 Supervision with the Peer and Volunteer Co-ordinator.
* Reimbursement of reasonable travel expenses.